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An airfield was observed from the train on a trip in mid-June 1948 from OCHENCHIRI (41°28'E/42°43'N) to SUKHUMI (41°02'E/43°00'N), Georgian SSR, immediately northwest of the DRANDI (41°09'E/42°52'N) railroad station, about one mile from the sea. Thirty to forty unidentified aircraft were observed at the field.

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Comment :

From this rather vague report it can only be inferred that the airfield of DRANDI is obviously in use and permanently occupied. This field was previously reported and it was stated that it was about 16 miles southeast of SUKHUMI. Because of the occupation and the observed flying, it was believed to be a commercial field.

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